Safe heaven for Bihar criminals in Nepal

1405. SHRIMATI JAYAPRADA NAHATA:
SHRI AMAR SINGH:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item which appeared in the Pioneer dated 3rd January, 2000 under the heading "Nepal is where Bihar criminals take refuge;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the matter was taken up with Government of Nepal to deport them; and

(d) if so, with what result?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) and (b) Yes Sir. There are some notorious gangs of criminals smugglers operating on Indo-Nepal border and occasionally taking shelter in Nepal taking advantage of the open Indo Nepal border.

(c) and (d) Government of India have not received any reference from the State Government of Bihar for the deportation of criminals from Nepal as mentioned in the news-report.

Nationality of hijackers

1406. SHRIMATI JAYAPRADA NAHATA:
SHRI AMAR SINGH:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have since found out the names and nationality of hijackers of I.A.C. flight from Kathmandu, which had resulted in the release of hard core militants in December, 1999;

(b) whether the matter has since been taken up with that Government for extradition of hijackers; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of those Governments with regard thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) According to the information available so far, the hijackers of IC-814 have been identified as under:—

1. Ibrahim Athaar @ Chief
2. Shahid Akhtar Sayed @ Doctor
3. Sunny Ahmed Qazi @ Burgar
4. Mistri Zahoor Ibrahim @ Bhola
5. Shaquir @ Shankar

All of them are Pakistani nationals.

(b) Government have raised the matter with the Government of Pakistan and have provided evidence of the involvement of their nationals in the hijacking. The Government of Pakistan was remainded that as a signatory of several International Conventions against Terrorism, the Simla Agreement of 1972 and the Lahore Declaration, it had an obligation to take the hijackers into custody and to extradite them to India.

(c) The Government of Pakistan, in its response, has reiterated its general position that it would undertake to apprehend and prosecute any person or persons found on its territory or the territory of Pakistan-Occupied-Kashmir, who may be suspected of having committed offences related to hijacking. As they have at the same time rejected our demarche, Pakistan's general commitment has to be assessed accordingly.

Kashmiri Migrants

†1407. SHRI RAMA SHANKER KAUSHIK:
PROF. RAM GOPAL YADAV:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Kashmiri people who have settled in Delhi

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.